

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

AUGUST 6-8, 2007

PRE-CONFERENCE: AUGUST 5, 2007

POST-CONFERENCE: AUGUST 9-10, 2007



GENERAL SESSION II: KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

"NOTHING CAN STOP YOU!"

Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2007

Time: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Location: Grand Pacific Room, Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck

Presenter: Josh Sundquist



At age nine Josh Sundquist was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer and given a fifty percent chance to live. He spent a year on chemotherapy treatments and his left leg was amputated from the hip.

Doctors declared Josh cured of the disease at age thirteen and he took up ski racing soon after. He trained for the next six years and in 2006 he was named to the US Paralympic Ski Team. Josh traveled to Turino, Italy where he competed alongside the best disabled skiers in the world.

Josh began speaking to groups about his experiences at age ten. He has since shared his story with thousands at schools, business groups, and in Washington, DC at the White House. At eighteen, he was the second youngest person ever accepted as a Professional Member of the National Speaker's Association.

As a writer, Josh has been published in *The Washington Post*, *Daily Guideposts*, and *Current*, Newsweek's college magazine. In 2003 he co-authored the teen devotional book *Forty Voices: Stories of Hope from Our Generation*.

Josh served a two-year tenure as the National Spokesperson for the Combined Federal Campaign, an effort that raises over \$300 million dollars a year for charities. He is an honorary member of the US Postal Service Cycling Team, and he received The Heroes Among Us award from the Virginia State Legislature, The Discovery Card Tribute award and he was a winner of the American Eagle Outfitters 2006 Life Your Life Contest.

Josh attended the College of William and Mary and is currently pursuing a Master's in Communications from Johns Hopkins University.